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Plans June Bridal



VIRGINIA M. YOUNG

Mr. and Mrs. James T. Young of 22 Trinity Ter., Agawam, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Virginia Marguerite, to Ronald A. Rudat, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Rudat of 1 Park St., Westfield, Mass.

A June wedding is planned.

Miss Young is a graduate of Cathedral High School and Greenfield Community College. She is a secretary in the group sales division of Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Co.

A graduate of Trade High School, Mr. Rudat is a student at Vesper George School of Art, Boston.

Loring Studios

Curry Residence



Residence of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Curry and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Curry, 6 South West St., Feeding Hills, is pictured above. Although the structure has undergone a series of alterations during the years much of the interior remains intact to reveal its original 18th century construction. Original deeds and documents show the house to have

been the homestead of John Stockwell who died in 1762.

A 1901 photograph shows the narrow windows on the south side of the house were originally nine frames over nine while those on the east-north sides were wider windows having six frames over six, an indication that the house had undergone some reconstruction. (Please Turn To Page 3)

Gridiron Mom's Banquet June 2

The Gridiron Mom's will hold their annual banquet on Monday evening, June 2, at Storowton Tavern. A social at 6:30 will precede the dinner to be served at 7.

A slate of officers for the coming year will be installed. All past and present members are invited to celebrate the 10th year that the Moms have been working together to raise funds for the scholarships. Over \$7,000 has been given in scholarships over the past 10 years.

Deadline for reservations is May 14th. For reservations call June Piccin, 732-7012 or Lola Shearer, 737-1210 and reservations deadline is May 14th.

PTA Council To Award Seventeen Scholarships

The Agawam Council of Parent-Teachers Association announces that \$1617 has been collected for the Benjamin Phelps Memorial Scholarship Fund. As a result the council will award 17 one-hundred dollar (\$100) scholarships to deserving students chosen from the senior class graduating from the Agawam High School for the purpose of furthering their education.

The recipients will be advised of their awards at a special assembly to be held at the high school just prior to graduation day.

Local Garden Club

Plant Sale May 17

The annual Plant Sale of the Agawam Garden Club will be held on Saturday, May 17th, on the grounds of the Agawam Congregational Church from 9:30 a.m. until 12 noon.

Potted geraniums, red, pink and Springfield will be available as well as a variety of perennials, shrubs and small evergreens. Cemetery urns will be filled on request.

Mrs. Eugene Joyner is general chairman. In addition to the sale of plants, there will be home baked foods under the direction of Mrs. Joseph Edwards and Mrs. Felix Tefs, and a white elephant table conducted by Mrs. Malcolm Fuller.

Orders for geraniums may be placed with Mrs. Joyner at 788-8084 and Mrs. Donald George, 788-0006.

The sale will be scheduled rain or shine.

Class of '39 Plan Reunion June 21

The class of 1939 of Agawam will hold their 30th class reunion on Saturday evening, June 21st at the Ye Old Coach Inn, Main St., Agawam.

Members of the class will be receiving letters about the reunion.

Chairman of the affair is Lino Gatti and assisting him are committee members; Art Kerr, Mrs. Fannie Rossini Cupidi, Raymond Phelps, Mrs. Ruth Peterson Webster, James Massa, Miss Margaret Ardizoni, Felix Pisano, Miss Jean Goss, Mrs. Dorothy Steele Major and Mrs. Zofia Subotin Demko.

The committee would like to have reservations returned by May 15th.

For reservations members can contact any of the above committee.

Agawam Girl Scouts To Conduct Substaining Membership Drive

Brady D. Snyder will serve as Mawaga chairman for the Pioneer Valley Girl Scout Substaining Membership Campaign. The drive will be held locally from May 5th through May 15th.

Pioneer Valley Girl Scout Council serves 8000 girls from the ages 7 to 17. They receive 38% of their budget from United Funds and Community Chests, 48% is raised through the better known source of the annual cookie sale. The remaining percent has to come through Substaining Membership. Last year the Girl Scouts had a deficit of over \$17,000. Even with the increase

price of cookies the Girl Scouts with the increased inflation and cost of operations today will conceivably be operating in 1969 with a deficit.

This year the council is going to the communities at large, to those who have girls in scouting and to some who do not, to ask their assistance in helping the council maintain their present high standards of program and services.

Assisting Mr. Snyder and acting as Troop Enrollers are: Mrs. William Miller, Mrs. William Ekstedt, Judge William Walsh, (Please Turn To Page 3)

Baptist Mr.-Mrs. Club Auction May 24

The Mr. and Mrs. Club of the Agawam Baptist Church is sponsoring an auction on Saturday, May 24. Doors will open at 9 a. m. for inspection with the auction to start at 10 o'clock.

John N. Shibley will preside with hundreds of items going up for bid including some choice antiques. Refreshments will be served in addition to a food sale during the auction hours.

Shirley M. Goss, chairman, has announced that all proceeds will go to the building fund and other church projects.

Donations are now being accepted with pickup service available. Dorothy Major and Marjorie Greenough are heading a telephone committee to add to the many useful items already collected. If you have something worthwhile to donate please call the church office or 733-2025.

Ample parking is available adjacent to the church and the auction will continue throughout the day until all items go up for bid.

WELCOME WAGON CLUB BULLETIN

On Tuesday, May 13th, the West Springfield-Agawam Welcome Wagon Club will meet at the Heritage Room of the West Springfield Public Library, at 7:30 p.m.

Club President Mrs. Philip Omasta will introduce the program, "Hair Styles by Harvey." The speaker will demonstrate, with the assistance of two models, the art of hair setting and the various uses of wigs.

The Welcome Wagon Couples' Club, under the direction of Mrs. Gordon Reid, met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Normand St. Cyr on April 19 for a Monte Carlo night. A catered lunch was served, and prizes were awarded to the winners of the evening's activities. On May 29, Couples' Club will feature a wine-tasting party.

Letter Carriers Receive Awards

Agawam Postmaster Robert R. DeForge has been advised that Regional Director Donald Steele has been advised that Regional Director Donald Steele has approved superior accomplishment award certificates for letter carriers Edward Frighetto and Frank Cahill.

The awards were based on above average performance of their assigned duties and both were presented checks of \$250.

LaRiviere Receives Dartmouth Award

The Dartmouth Club held their annual awards dinner on Thursday evening, April 24th, at Betty's Towne House in Agawam.

Twelve Springfield area high school juniors were chosen to receive this coveted award for outstanding academic and athletic ability.

The recipient from Agawam was Wayne LaRiviere, son of Mr.



WAYNE LARIVIERE

and Mrs. Raymond LaRiviere of 427 North St., Feeding Hills.

Wayne is a member of the soccer, ski and track teams. He is also a member of the high school band and orchestra, National Honor Society and student council. He has been chosen to represent Agawam on Governors Day at the Eastern States Exposition in September.

Gov. Counsel, Raymond Fontana and David R. Gavitt, Dartmouth's head basketball coach made the presentation.

CHURCH NEWS

AGAWAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

459 Mill Street, Agawam
 Rev. Kenneth Thornton, Minister
 Mrs. Kenneth Alexander, Organist
 Miss Donna Ashton, Organist
 Mrs. Marshall Keyes,
 Sanctuary Choir Director
 Mrs. Kenneth Alexander,
 Junior/Youth Choir Director

Thursday: 7:30 p.m. Work meeting for Country Fun Fair. 7:30 p.m. Council on Ministries.

Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Church at Worship. . . Rev. Daniel A. Thurston, Associate Minister, Trinity Methodist Church Springfield, guest minister. . . Nursery for infants, Church School in session until 10:45 a.m.; 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour: 6 p.m. Youth Group.

Tuesday: 6:10 p.m. Youth Choir practice; 6:45 p.m. Junior Choir practice; 7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir practice.

Wednesday: 7:30 p.m. Finance Committee.

BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Benjamin Lockhart, Pastor
 Mrs. Ruth Daniels, Organist
 Mrs. Nancy Lund, Choir Director
 Mrs. Barbara Briggs,
 Church Secretary

Thursday: 7:30 p.m. Senior choir rehearsal at Church.

Friday: 6:30 p.m. The Suburban Church Bowling League annual banquet at St. David's Episcopal Church. Our Men's team are the Grand Champions for the year.

Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Morning worship. Rev. Lockhart will preach sermon at morning worship service. . . Senior Choir will sing; Church School for all ages; 6 p.m. Junior and Senior BYF's

meet at church; 7 p.m. Senior Board of Deacons meet at church.

Monday: 8 p.m. The Amicitia Circle meet at home of Mrs. Alexander Buiniskas, Raymond Circle. 8 p.m. The Sunshine Circle meeting at home of Mrs. Kathy Knipp, 420 Main St. This will be a work meeting.

Tuesday: 8 p.m. The United Women's Fellowship meeting in Bodurtha Hall; 6:30 p.m. Melody Choir rehearse at church; 6:30 p.m. The annual meeting of the Council of Churches of Greater Springfield at First Church, Court Square.

Wednesday: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. . . Trading Post open.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Rev. Floyd C. Bryan, Minister
 Mrs. A. G. Toussaint,
 Minister of Music

Thursday: 5 and 6:45 p.m. Ladies Aid MAY DAY DINNER.

Friday: 7 p.m. Boy Scout meeting.

Saturday: 8:45 a.m. Intermediate choir rehearsal; 9:30 a.m. Junior Choir rehearsal.

Sunday: 8:45 a.m. Church school—7th thru 12th grades; 10 a.m., Church at morning Worship—Rev. Bryan preaching and nursery thru 6th grades.

Monday: 7:30 p.m. Trustees' meeting.

Tuesday: 6:30 p.m. Senior high choir rehearsal; 7:30 p.m. Class for prospective members and Deacons meeting.

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Friday: 7:30 p.m. The Church School Staff and Board of Religious Education meeting.

Sunday: 10 a.m. Church School for nursery through grade 6; 10 a.m. Worship Service. Mother's Day and Festival of the Christian Home. The Cherub Choir will sing; 6:30 p.m. Senior High Youth meet in Griswold Hall.

Monday: 6:30 p.m. Church School for grades 7, 8 and 9; 7:30 p.m. Meeting of the Board of Deacons and Deaconesses.

Wednesday: 7:30 p.m. Meeting of the Board of Stewardship and Missions.

Delegates to the annual spring

meeting of the Council of Churches of Greater Springfield are reminded that it is on Tuesday, May 13, at 6:30 p.m. in Old First Church, Court Square, Springfield.

SACRED HEART CHURCH

FEEDING HILLS

Rev. George Linse, C.S.S.

Rev. James Shea, C.S.S.

Saturday—4:30 and 7:30 p.m. Confessions.

Sunday—6:45, 8, 9:15, 11:30 a.m. Masses.

Tuesday—7:30 p.m. Miraculous Medal Novena Devotions.

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH

Rev. Samuel Fayad, C.S.S.

Rev. Joseph Mantia, C.S.S.

Saturday—4 to 5 p.m. and 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. confessions.

MASS SCHEDULE

Sundays—7, 8:30, 10:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

Week days—7 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

Holy days—7 and 9 a.m., 5:30 and 7:30 p.m.

Tuesdays—7:30 p.m. St. Anthony Devotions.

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CHURCH

Rev. Walter J. Joyce

Rev. Albert Blanchard

Saturday — Confessions 4 to 5:45 and 7:30 to 9 p.m.

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday—6:45, 8, 9:15, 10:30, 11:45 a.m.

Tuesday—5:30 p.m., Mass followed by Miraculous Medal Novena.

ST. THERESA OF INFANT JESUS CHURCH

Rev. Paul Bernard

MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Mass—7 a.m.

Saturday—8 a.m. Mass — 4:30 and 7:30 Confessions.

Sunday — 7, 9 and 11 a.m. Mass.

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH

Upper Church and Second Sts.
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Larry Thornton, Pastor

Sunday—9:45 a.m. Bible School for all ages; 11 a.m. Morning worship service. Supervised nursery service available upstairs in the church during both Bible School and morning service; 7 p.m. Evening Service.

Wednesday — 7:30 p.m. Mid-week prayer meeting and Bible study.

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ST. DAVID'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Rev. John S. Tuler, Vicar

This Sunday, May 11th, at the 10 o'clock service, parishioners of St. David's Episcopal Church will hold their Spring Festival Service. The Church will be garnished with foliage and flowers of spring and the theme of music and sermon will be God's gift of the world of nature.

Thursday — 7 p.m. Boy Scout Troop #79 — meets in parish hall.

Friday — 5:30 p.m. Inter-church bowling banquet in the parish hall.

Sunday — 8 a.m. Holy Communion; 10 a.m. Festival Service; 7 p.m. Evening Prayer.

Monday — 8 p.m. Teachers meeting.

Wednesday — 9 a.m. — Service of Petitionary Prayer and Holy Communion.

ASCENSION DAY — Thursday — 6:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion followed by Communion Breakfast for church youth; 9 a.m. — Holy Communion; 7:30 p.m. — Holy Communion.

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 Mrs. John MacPherson, Organist

Mrs. Richard Orr,
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Wednesday: 8 p.m. Church Council Meeting. Preparation for annual meeting on May 21.

Sunday, May 18: Special Laymen's Sunday.

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GENERAL: Ronald Ashton, Stephen Bailey, Norma Baillie, Enrico Baldarelli, Maureen Barry, Stephen Bennett, Joanne Bigda, Brenda Binnekeade, Colleen Blakesley, David Bonk, Robert Borgatti, Debra Bouchard, James Bouley, Virginia Broz, Virginia Burr, Clarine Carey, Anthony Chicklas, Susanne Chlastawa,

Brian Colby, Cathy Cook, Patricia Cook, David D'Amours, Mark Deforge, Brenda DePalo, Timothy Doyle, Joanne Draghetti, Karen Filiault, Julie Fitzgerald, Joy Fournier, Ellen Fuller, Louis Gatti, Christina Hamel, Steven Hare, Patti Haynes, Leonard Horniak, Jill Johnson, Ronald Jones, Teresa Kelly, Joan Labun, Laura LaRiviere, Peter Longhi, Daniel Lunden, Diane Mallory, Sandra Martinelli, David Mason, James Melloni, Anthony Mercadante, Dean Mercadante, Michael Messier, Valli Nichols, Elizabeth Norman, Holly Perella, Carol Racicot, Joseph Ramah, Harry Reimers, Robert Rennell, Leonard Rising, Virginia Roberts, Kayne Smith, Marcia Smith, Elizabeth Sosnowich, Deborah A. Taylor, Deborah Thresher, Lisa Turowsky, Karen Waniewski and Deborah West.

EIGHTH GRADE

MAXIMUM: Deborah Goguen, Cynthia Hall, John Los, Ethel Seriva and Charles Sociere.

GENERAL: Debra Acquaro, Sarah Adams, Laurel Anderson, William Andrews, Lisa Barry, Jennifer Benjamin, Richard Bernard, Debra Brigholi, Maria Cockoros, Peter Cockoros, Judy Cummings, Sherry Dearborn, Thomas Dennis, Susan Doncourt, Steben Draghetti, Judith Drewnowski, Barbara Dubour, Cynthia Enderly, Thomas Ennis, Steven Farnsworth, Christine Franqueza, Christopher Fuchs, Candace Gallucci, Linda Geiger, Diane Ghedi, Mary Hajec, Susan Hamel, David Harriman, Paul Henault, Richard Hill, Ellen Horacek, Douglas Janik, Patricia Julian, John Karakla, James Knight, Nancy Knowlton, Sally Krolicki, Sandra Krolicki, Nancy Lawrenchuk, Laurel Leduc, Lois Leonard, Lesley Litman, Joseph Lofito, William Lowell, Susan Lu-

cier, Keith Lynds, Phyllis McCobb, Lenore Masciotra, Steven Mason, Kenneth Maynard, Mary Morin, Suzanne Muise, Chris Muldrew, Deborah Murphy, Diane Nardi, Catherine Niemiec, Marianne Norman, Gayla Piccin, Margaret Polopek, Harold Potts, Colette Protzenko, Victor Ramah, Paul Randall, Sandra Reimers, Jan Reynolds, Michael Richards, Steven Richter, Gary Robinson, Jane Rudowski, James Saliba, Donna Sausville, Carole Shibley, Diane Skowera, Kathleen Stahovich, Dborah Steadman, Benita Sticca, Deborah Taupier, Mark Tidwell, Paula Troie, Walter Ugochick, Carol Walker, Nancy Walsh, Carol Waytovich, Carol Woishnis, Susan Wotus, Cheryl Yelinek and Marilyn Zielinski.

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Curry Residence . . .

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The door to the paneled entrance is a fine example of the Greek Revival period and the hallway staircase leading to the second floor is completely pegged.

Many of the original latches remain throughout the house. Recently the Currys exposed the kitchen wall paneling with boards up to twenty-four and one half inches in width. Presumably this room was completely paneled with a paneled ceiling. Each room has a boxed corner post some of which are beaded.

Since the central chimney and main fire places were removed, the townstairs flooring was covered with hard wood boards over the original wide floor boards. However, the upstairs hall and rooms still maintain their hand rubbed wide floor boards some of which measure up to fourteen inches in width.

Of special interest is the "vaulted" or barrel ceiling room with its eyebrow window, paneling and fireplace. The room now serves as a study and houses the Currys' collection of Indian artifacts and relics. Also, of further interest to the visitor is the sitting room cupboard with its brass "acorn" latch.

Although the cellar will not be opened to the public, the original hand hewn beams and sills remain. Here also is a plastered plank wall leading to a back room or "root cellar" with its tailor laid stones, batten door supported by two eighteen inch bean-strap hinges and a bee-hive enclosure. The corner stones measure approximately six to seven feet in width and four feet high from the ground level.

Furniture enthusiasts might be interested in the 18th century New Hampshire chest of curly maple with sliding cherry top, a New York six leg, wild cherry drop leaf table, a Hoadley tall clock and an Empire chest of drawers from the Rumford estate, Wickford, Rhode Island. Mrs. Richard (Marilyn) Curry President

Girl Scouts . . .

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Mrs. William Spring, Mr. Raymond Saracino, Mr. Robert Griffin, Mrs. Patricia Moran, Mr. Donald Desjarlais, Mr. Rex Cox, Mrs. Shirley Fydenkevez, Mrs. Ruth Guevin and Mr. David Pullen.

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Abercromby's Ill Fated Attack On Fort Carillon

By RICHARD JOHN CURRY

6 South West St., Feeding Hills, Mass. 01030

On July 5, 1758, a great army of some 15,000 British and colonial soldiers amassed at the head of Lake George, New York. In command of this colorful array of Britannic strength was the awkward General Abercromby; second in command was the very capable Lord George Augustus Howe, a brilliant soldier beloved by all those who served him.

This expedition intended to break the military backbone of France by capturing the stronghold of Fort Carillon, also known as Fort Ticonderoga, pictured above, which guarded the water highway from Canada to the Atlantic Ocean, via Lake Champlain, Lake George and the Hudson River.

Informed of the advancing British armada, the French commander, General Montcalm, realized the futility of defending the fort from within since his small force numbered approximately 4,000 men. However, the heroic Frenchman, unlike his adversary, was a strategist and a competent soldier.

With no time to lose both officers and men of Carillon began a defensive entrenchment since known as the "French Lines." South of the fort Montcalm's men set up an artillery breastwork on the high land extending westward from Carillon (Ticonderoga) Creek. Below the line of artillery a trench was dug while in front of this earthworks were felled a number of trees with their branches barbed and facing the enemy approach.

Meanwhile the British having landed at a place now known as "Abercromby's Landing", divided into several attack forces. Now commenced a series of misfortunes as the inept Abercromby blundered what might have been an easy victory.

Perhaps the most significant mishap to the British forces was the loss of the brilliant Lord Howe who had marched off with a column into the dense woodlands leading to Carillon. During a brief skirmish with a French patrol Howe was killed instantly. With the loss of Lord Howe, Abercromby withdrew his forces to the landing place instead of making a frontal attack on the still unfinished French lines. Thus the factor of chance and the element of time gave Montcalm the superiority over his opponent's greatness in numbers.

On July 8, Abercromby began a frontal assault against the French abatis. Without recourse to artillery the British force of rangers, colonials and regulars threw themselves mercilessly against the enemy only to become entangled on the barbed branches and brutally repulsed.

One example of the British futility can be found in the losses suffered by the famous Black Watch Highland Regiment. With bagpipes blaring the war songs of their wild highlands, the "ladies from hell" charged time and again against the lines until they lost 647 men out of the 1100 man regiment. The total loss to the British force was almost 2,000 men compared to the French losses of under 400 men killed or wounded.

The end of the day proved that the British attack was a failure. Beaten and battle wearied, the confidence of a few days before turned into panic as the defeated British army fled from the scene of battle.

In their hasty retreat the soldiers cast aside their guns and anything else that weighed down their reckless departure. In the meantime, Montcalm's men refreshed themselves and anxiously waited for another onslaught not realizing the enemy had fled in flight.

So ended the first of two attempts by Great Britain to capture Fort Carillon from the French. In the following year, 1759, Abercromby was replaced by Lord Jeffrey Amherst who led a successful second attack against the fort. The final pages of the French and Indian War were being written on the American continent. The colonials were whetting their appetite for still another war... the American Revolution. The trials and tribulations suffered by the people of New England and her sister colonies had toughened them for the War of Independence.

These people had learned to handle a musket. They could and would make a fight of it when necessary. More important these home spun colonials had learned to be dependent on themselves, thereby becoming independent!

Through Abercromby's blunder the colonials realized the great army of his Britannic Majesty could be defeated. Strategy could prove the victor over numbers! In the end the eagle was to tweak the nose of the lion.

Fort Ticonderoga



POSTSCRIPT:

Today Fort Ticonderoga, "The Great Stone Fortress", stands amidst the splendor of the beautiful Adirondack Mountains, an historical monument to three nations: France, Great Britain and the United States. Still in the process of restoration, Fort Ticonderoga is open to the public from Mid-May to Mid-October, 8 a.m.-6 p.m. and until 7 p.m. during July and August. For a nominal admission fee the tourist can enjoy a full day visiting the Fort Museum or touring the battle grounds where history was made. Children under 10 years of age are admitted free of charge.

Fort Ticonderoga is approximately 200 miles from the general Springfield area. The tourist can follow the Massachusetts Turnpike to the New York Thruway to Albany (Exit 24), then along Route 87 (The Northway) to Exit 22 at Lake George, then proceed north along Route 9N to Ticonderoga.



May 12

through

May 16

SENIOR HIGH

Monday: Grilled ham w/pine-apple, parsleyed potato, apple-sauce, whole wheat bread/butter, peanut butter sandwich, nut cake w/chocolate icing, milk.

Tuesday: Orange juice, toasted ham & cheese roll, mustard, catsup, cabbage-pineapple salad, peanut butter sandwich, lemon pie square, milk.

Wednesday: Orange juice, hamburger on roll, mustard, relish, catsup, French fried potato, buttered carrots, sliced onions, cheese wedge, peanut butter sandwich, banana cake w/butter icing, milk.

Thursday: Orange juice, chicken salad sailboat, potato chips, garden salad w/tomatoes and spinach greens, peanut butter sandwich, apple crisp, milk.

Friday: Oven fried fish sticks, parsleyed potato, Harvard beets, tartar sauce, peanut butter sandwich, raisin coffee cake, milk.

JUNIOR HIGH

Monday: Juice, toasted ham/cheese roll, buttered corn, carrot spice cake, milk.

Tuesday: Juice, hamburger on bun, stewed tomatoes, peanut butter sandwich, fruit cup w/oatmeal cookie, milk.

Wednesday: Juice, shell macaroni w/meat balls, tossed salad, bread/butter, banana cake, milk.

Thursday: Juice, braised beef in gravy, mashed potatoes, peas, bread/butter, jello w/topping, milk.

Friday: Juice, tuna fish salad, potato chips, buttered carrots, bread/butter, pumpkin cake, milk.

DANAHY

Monday: Juice, hamburger on roll, carrots, orange blossom cake, milk.

Tuesday: Juice, sliced bologna/cheese on roll, corn, potato chips, fruit cup, cookies, milk.

Wednesday: Macaroni in tomato meat sauce, green beans, bread/butter, fruit, milk.

Thursday: Juice, hamburger in gravy, mashed potatoes, bread/butter, broccoli, ice cream, milk.

Friday: Juice, grilled cheese sandwich, peanut butter sandwich, cabbage carrot salad, apple-sauce, peanut butter cookies, milk.

GRANGER

Monday: Juice, submarine sandwich (lettuce, cheese, meat), peas, carrots, pineapple tidbits, milk.

Tuesday: Spaghetti w/meat tomato sauce, buttered green beans, bread/butter, peaches, milk.

Wednesday: Meat loaf w/creole sauce, mashed potato, whole kernel corn, hot bread/butter, fruit, milk.

Thursday: Juice, frankfurt on buttered bun, relish, mustard, potato chips, 7 minute cabbage, applesauce, milk.

Friday: Juice, grilled cheese sandwich, peanut butter sandwich, buttered carrots, cookies, fruit, milk.

PEIRCE

Monday: Orange juice, scalloped potatoes w/diced ham, buttered peas and carrots, hot corn bread-bread/butter, honey peanut butter balls, milk.

Tuesday: Hamburg patti on hot buttered roll, kernel corn, carrot sticks, cheese squares, peanut butter sandwich, citrus fruit cup, milk.

Wednesday: Orange juice, beef vegetable stew, cheese muffins, peach shortcake w/topping, milk.

Thursday: Pork sausage patties, hash brown potatoes, buttered broccoli, bread/butter, raisin cookies, milk.

Friday: Tuna sail boat, cole slaw w/grated carrots, pickles, beets, peanut butter sandwich, orange coffee cake, milk.

PHELPS

Monday: Juice, meat ball grinder, buttered green beans, peaches, cookie, milk.

Tuesday: Browned meat w/gravy & vegetables, mashed potatoes, 12 minute cabbage, bread/butter, chocolate cake, milk.

Wednesday: Juice, hamburger on buttered roll, relish, catsup, onion slices, diced carrots, applesauce cake, milk.

Thursday: Elbow macaroni w/spaghetti sauce, cabbage salad, bread/butter, mixed fruit, milk.

Friday: Juice, Tuna salad sandwiches, green salad w/spinach, cheese sticks, butter cake w/blueberry cream topping, milk.

ROBINSON PARK

Monday: Citrus juice, meat ball grinder w/sauce, buttered carrots, cheese cubes, fruit cup, milk.

Tuesday: Spaghetti w/meat sauce, buttered green beans, bread/butter, apricots, milk.

Wednesday: Juice, frankfurt on buttered roll, mustard, relish, buttered corn, cheese sticks, cherry nut cake w/butter frosting, milk.

Thursday: Orange juice, hamburger gravy on bread, buttered mixed vegetables, fruited jello topping, milk.

Friday: Juice, fishburger, potato chips, ABC salad, fruit, honey peanut butter balls, milk.

SOUTH

Monday: Italian spaghetti w/meat sauce, fruit slaw salad, buttered Vienna bread, fruit cup, milk.

Tuesday: Juice, pork chop suet on buttered rice, buttered carrots, peanut butter on rye, chocolate custard donut, milk.

Wednesday: Orange juice, chicken pie w/biscuit topping, cranberry sauce, buttered broccoli, pineapple chunks, milk.

Thursday: Citrus juice, meat ball grinder w/tomato sauce, lettuce tomato salad w/French dressing, sliced peaches, milk.

Friday: Orange juice, meatless lasagna w/sauce, ABC salad, homemade yeast rolls, peanut butter on rye, citrus orange jello w/topping, milk.

LEGAL NOTICES

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
HAMPDEN ss PROBATE COURT
To all persons interested in the estate of ZENON H. STELMAK otherwise ZENON HENRY STELMAK late of Agawam in said County of Hampden, deceased.

A petition has been presented to said Court for probate of a certain instrument purporting to be the last Will of said deceased by MARY STELMAK otherwise MARY ELIZABETH STELMAK of said Agawam, praying that she be appointed executrix thereof without giving a surety on her bond.

If you desire to object thereto, you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Springfield, in said County of Hampden, before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the twenty-third day of May 1969, the return day of this citation.

Witness, ABRAHAM I. SMITH, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this eighteenth day of April 1969.

JOHN J. LYONS, Register.

(May 1-8-15)

MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Marshall J. Thompson and Jean Marie Thompson to the Ware Savings Bank of Ware, Hampshire County, Massachusetts, dated March 25, 1968 and recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 3325, Page 460, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present owner and holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage, and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction at 11 o'clock A.M. on May 20, 1969 on the mortgaged premises located at 1804 Main Street, Agawam, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

"A certain parcel of land with all the buildings and structures thereon situated in Agawam in the County of Hampden in said Commonwealth, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the westerly side of Main Street at the northeast corner of land now or formerly of Heiman and running thence N. 75° 51' 30" W. along last named land, two hundred seventy-five (275) feet to a point; thence running S. 16° 31' 30" W. along last named land, seventy-five (75) feet to land now or formerly of the estate of Luther P. Davis; thence running N. 75° 51' 30" W. along last named land five hundred forty (540) feet to a point; thence running N. 1° 27' 06" E. along last named land one hundred eighty (180) feet to a point; thence running S. 79° 03' 20" E. along land of Court Equipment, Inc. two hundred seventeen and 69/100 (217.69) feet to a point; thence running S. 75° 51' 30" E. along land of Court Equipment, Inc. one hundred sixty-six and 32/100 (166.32) feet to a point; thence continuing along land of Court Equipment, Inc. S. 88° 03' 30" E. one hundred fifty-eight and 20/100 (158.20) feet to a point; thence continuing along land of Court Equipment, Inc. S. 75° 51' 30" E. three hundred twenty-six and 50/100 (326.50) feet to the westerly side of Main Street; thence running S. 16° 31' 30" W. along Main Street, one hundred fifty (150) feet to the point of beginning.

Being the premises conveyed to us by deed of Court Equipment, Inc. dated July 14, 1967 and recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 3277, Page 235.

Including as part of the realty all buildings of any description, also portable or sectional buildings at any time placed upon said premises and all heating apparatus, oil burners, fuel containers and conveyors and burners, heaters, hot water heaters, pipes, plumbing and plumbing fixtures, gas and electric fixtures, screens, screen doors, storm doors and windows, shades, mantels, awnings, Venetian blinds, clothes poles and reels, weather-vanes, radio and T.V. antennas, air conditioning apparatus, wall-to-wall carpeting, electric and gas refrigerators, electric and gas stoves, built-in appliances built-in audio systems, swimming pool apparatus and equipment, elevators and also all other fixtures of whatever kind and nature at present or hereafter placed or installed in or on the granted premises or any building standing thereon prior to the full payment and discharge of this mortgage in any manner which renders such articles usable in connection therewith, insofar as the same will or can by agreement of parties be made a part of the realty.

The premises will be sold subject to unpaid municipal taxes assessment or liens, and any outstanding tax titles.

One Thousand Dollars will be required to be paid in cash by the purchaser at the time and place of the sale as earnest money, balance in cash on delivery of the deed within ten (10) days from date of sale. Other terms to be announced at the sale.

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SPORTSMEN'S CORNER



By BILL CHIBA

Herm Mutti was waiting for me Thursday afternoon and we didn't waste any time getting to Norwich Lake. Boats kept arriving after we rounded the lake several times til the count was in the vicinity of 15 craft. Boy, was the fishing skimpy. We witnessed three trout caught by other fishermen. I finally landed one on the red mooselook and Herm did not get a hit all afternoon. The fish just would not open their mouths.

Friday night rolled around and I spent considerable time loading up the camper with provisions for an escapade up to New Hampshire for the opening of the rainbow season at Spofford Lake. I called John Lankhorst, conservation officer for the Keene area, to check up on the rainbow run last fall and whether he was able to stock the lake this spring. John was a little apprehensive about the number of trout in the lake. He witnessed a smaller number of trout in the brooke around the lake during the spawning run last fall. He also commented on the fact that there were 12 to 15 pound northern (pike) in the lake and 12 to 14 inch trout were found in the stomachs of the pike caught last August by anglers.

With this news to munch over, I picked up Harley Shastany, head salesman for the Hampden Beef Co., of Springfield, and headed north. We planned to stop at the Keene police station and pickup a registration plate for the boat that John promised to leave for me. New Hampshire has its own registration system and

does not recognize the U.S. Coast Guard numbering system that other states comply with so don't get caught on New Hampshire waters without a plate. If you do you will be seeing "the judge."

After obtaining the plate, we headed for Spofford where we planned to spend the night and be fishing by the first rays of dawn. Just three miles from the lake, the right rear tire on the truck blew out . . . the truck lurched toward the shoulder of the road . . . we drew to a stop inches from the gully running along the side of the highway. Then the fun began! First, the jack that was in the truck would not lift the vehicle high enough to mount the spare wheel. Well, to make a long story as brief as possible, the tire blew at 11 p.m. and we were underway again at 1:30 a.m. Slept til 4 a.m. and witnessed a most fantastic sight. Trailers and boats started to arrive in a never ending stream. The lake soon was dotted with boat lights bobbing up and down on the swells caused by the boats powering out from the landing ramp. This scene was to last til 9 a.m., I am willing to bet there was 100 to 150 boats of every make and design on the water by daybreak . . . Amazing!! Oh yes, the fishing . . . it resembled Mass. — very few fish landed. Harley lost a heavy fish, he tried to play tug-of-war with it and the leader parted. This was the only hit we had all day.

Left at 5 p.m.; had the shock on the boat trailer break off and had to wire it up til I arrived home. This isn't all!! Came to a railroad underpass on the way home, forgot about the height of the camper on the truck and swept off the baggage rack and ladder attached to the end of the camper. What a mess! Turned in to an expensive day of fishing to say the least.

New Record

James Billings, Burlington, Vt., is the new holder of the Vermont record for Walleyed pike. His catch weighed in at 10 pounds and 4 ounces, the 32 inch fish sported an 18 inch girth. It was taken on a minnow trolled in the Missisquoi River below Swanton.

A certain man in town was asked by the census taker what he did before he was married. He answered, "anything I wanted to."

My Beat — A.H.S.

Jo-Ann Della-Giustina

Next Wednesday and Thursday, sophomore and junior girls will try-out for varsity cheerleading. All the girls must perform cheers and jumps in front of the entire school. From the performances, 10 girls will be

chosen to represent AHS at all varsity football and basketball games. Juniors who are presently cheerleaders and who are trying-out again are: Joanne Berkowicz, Sandy Magnani, Gail Sullivan, Paula Taturo, and Bette Kozikowski. Good luck to all the girls trying-out!

"CAMELOT"

Only two weeks remain until the Junior-Senior Prom. "Camelot." General chairman Bob Eldridge has been planning this prom with the help of the junior class officers since January, and the event is expected to be a success. Decorations are being completed also the rest of the plans for the evening. May 23 at 8 p.m. will be the time when the junior class presents the prom to the senior class at Agawam High.

COMING EVENTS: Senior class banquet on May 30. . . Student Council dance soon. . . Student Council and Class Officer elections soon. . . Graduation in one month.

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Summer Programs Open

Registrations for Youth and Family Summer Memberships are now open. The Summer activities include the large T shaped swimming pool, tennis, basketball volleyball, horseshoes, picnics and special events. Swimming lessons are offered both to youth and adults.

Junior High Emphasis

This year the emphasis will be on the Junior High School age group in order to offer more activities to this group. Family swims picnics and movies are only a part of the varied activities at the Outdoor Summer Center of the Agawam YMCA.

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The annual Chicken Barbecue and Open House at the Agawam YMCA has been set for this year on Saturday, June 14th, from 2:30 until 6:30 p.m.

Nick Zucco and Brady Snyder both on the "Y" Board of Directors will be co-chairmen for this annual event.

Tickets will be on sale by all the Board of Directors during the month of May also at the "Y" office.

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There will be two work parties one on Saturday, May 10th and the other on May 17th from 9 a.m., to 5 p.m., at the "Y" Outdoor Center.

Anyone interested in helping even for a couple of hours is invited to come. All day coffee and donuts will be served.

Painting, raking, cleaning cutting, building and a variety of other jobs must be done before the Outdoor Summer program can open on May 30th.

The following equipment is needed if anyone would like to donate 5 rakes, 5 shovels, small barrels for rubbish and a small wheelbarrow. Please call the "Y" office so we can plan . . . thank you.

Loyal Order of Moose AGAWAM LODGE No. 1935



We now have a Moose Softball team which includes: Jack Cody, Ricky White, Vernon Stork, Joe Barbato, Anthony Liquori, Bill Cody, Steve White, Fran Way, Dennis Dudley, Junior Provo, Dan Champ, Pudgy DeCosta, Carl O'Connell Rick Perry and Jim Calderila.

Scheduled games and time: (Check with George Perry, Secretary) — MOOSE vs. Western Mass. — 6:30 p.m. on Wed., May 14; MOOSE vs. Tekoa — 3:15 p.m. on Sun., May 18; MOOSE vs. Migro — 6:30 p.m. on Wed., May 21; MOOSE vs. Matts — 6:30 p.m. on Mon., May 26; MOOSE vs. St. Mary's — 6:30 p.m. Tues., June 3d; MOOSE vs. Doc's Team — 1:00 p.m. Sun., June 8.

Let's show a little enthusiasm and support our team. — BACK THEM UP. See you there? We're still at St. Theresa's Hall on Friday and Saturday nights. Come join us and have grinders, sandwiches and dance . . .

AROUND THE LODGE

Recuperating at home and appreciative of the basket sent them from the Moose are Al Daignault, 80 Alhambra Cir., and Irving Bonesteel, 9 Church St. Keep th cards rolling in.

We need volunteer umpires, etc. If YOU can help in some way contact Secretary, George Perry. Ernie Dumond feeling better and able to have visitors; Frank Smith confined to the hospital.

INSTALLATION

Tickets for the Installation of the new officers which will be held June 14th at St. Theresa's Hall, Bridge St., are \$1.00 each. Installation is at 5 p.m. with supper and dance to follow.

Returns must be made to either Secty. George Perry — 13 Mooreland St., Feeding Hills, Mass. 788-8847 or Gov.-elect Ernie Dumond, 680 Springfield St., Feeding Hills, 732-1996 no later than June 11 as this is going to be a catered affair. Hope to see all our friends, relatives and members on June 14th.

May Senior Center Program

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WEEK MAY 5

Monday—1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Golden Age Choral Group; 3 p.m. Movies; Tuesday — 1 to 4 p.m. Ceramics Class; Wednesday—10 a.m. to 4 p.m. pool, cards, etc.; Thursday—1 to 4 p.m. Knitting Class; Friday—1 to 4 p.m. Card Party.

WEEK MAY 12

Monday—10 a.m. Painting; 1 to 2 p.m. Golden Age Choral Group; Tuesday — 1 to 4 p.m. Ceramics Class; Wednesday—10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Pool, Cards, etc.; Thursday—1 to 4 p.m. Knitting Class; Friday—1 to 4 p.m. Card Party.

WEEK MAY 19

Monday—Golden Age Choral Group 1 to 2 p.m.; Movies 3 p.m.; Tuesday—1 to 4 p.m. Ceramics Class; Wednesday—10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Pool, Cards, etc.; Thursday—Hobby Fair and Sale; Band Concert 2-4 p.m.; Baked Bean Supper at Junior High School 5

HOWDY NEIGHBOR

By BOYD PIERCE

New arrival to St. Peter: "My wife said: Be an angel and let me drive. So here I am."

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Overheard: "No, I don't have to show my wife who's boss in our house. She has a mirror."

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Lots of things are more important than money. The trouble is that you need money to buy them.

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It doesn't take much skill to write a love letter. But it may take considerable skill to get it back.

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Children are so wise today that parents who expect to have an old-fashioned heart-to-heart talk with them, should schedule it before their sixth birthday.

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Definition of a Legislator: The same man who, when a little boy, went to the grocery and forgot what his mother sent him there for.

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BILL COMO

"I love to share an evening of smooth comfortable square dancing combined with an atmosphere of friendliness and just plain fun." These are the sentiments of Bill Como of South Hadley Falls the regular square dance caller for the Ludlow Square Dance Club, who will be the guest caller for the Promenaders, Friday night, May 9, at Robinson Park School, Begley St., Agawam.

Although he has been calling since 1962 Como has been known primarily as the teenage caller. This is because of his particular popularity with the younger groups. He has called for such clubs as the "Shirts and Skirts," "West Side Whirlers," and "Swing'in Teens."

In 1965 Bill attended "Callers College" in Keene, New Hampshire under the direction and instruction of Earl Johnson, Dick Jones, Artie Jones and Al Brundage.

Bill says that he prefers singing calls and middle class patter. "My aim is not to confuse the dancer, but to relax him."

Members of square dancing clubs of the area are invited to attend the Friday night event. Refreshments will be served under the direction of chairmen Gwen and Vint Gregory. Plans will be announced by program chairmen Doug and Adele Corcorane for events that will terminate the square dancing season.

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Now We Understand

I have often wanted to express in writing my thoughts on "How to Complain."

My profession and my avocation in Town Government have many involvements in listening to and trying to solve complaints. Therefore, it is only fitting that we should accept some standards in the matter of complaining. To associate these standards and procedures in town administration is the core of this article.

Please do not confuse "constructive criticism" with ordinary "complaining." Although the context is highly debatable, may we refer "constructive criticism" to legislative and administrative change which may be enacted by town meeting vote or by rules and regulations expressed in writing by administrative groups. If we do this, then we relegate complaining to the inability of these groups to carry out the stated policies.

Perhaps an example of this point will assist you in understanding more clearly, what I mean. To call a Selectman, or anyone else, and protest the "dog leash law" is not a legitimate complaint, simply because this law was passed by town meeting action and none has the right to change it except counter-town meeting action. To question the method of seizing your dog, or impounding it, is a legitimate complaint, if you feel the procedure followed was contrary to the law as passed.

Now let us decide to make a "complaint" on the last basis. My first advice is to be rather sure that you know the facts about the

law or regulation. It is always more tactful to ask questions before you make a statement. Perhaps, you misunderstood. Next, make your complaint in writing and direct it to the proper authority. In the complaint ask for a conference. During the conference all parties should be seated. Waving your hands and complaining while standing on the post office steps is neither the place nor the manner in which a complaint should be made. Offering a threat does nothing to alleviate the situation. If the conference does not produce satisfactory results, town government most usually provides some recourse through arbitration.

I, honestly know of no one in Agawam's family government who is trying to act as a dictator. I have found everyone of our elected and appointed officials most cooperative and willing to assist anyone who has a legitimate complaint and will make his complaint as a gentleman should.

If you should happen to direct a phone call to the Town Hall to ask a question, then ask the name of the person who gave you the answer. Don't complain that "they" said so at the Town Hall.

Further, if there is a question in your mind as to whom you should direct your complaint, please feel free to direct it to me through this newspaper or to the Selectmen's office.

If we learn to communicate properly with one another, "Now We Understand."

George L. Reynolds
Selectman

N. E. Library Association Held
An April Workshop In Boston

The New England Library Association sponsored a Public Relations Workshop at the Somerset Hotel, Boston, Saturday on April 25.

Mrs. George J. Galick, President of the New England Library Association and Director of the Bureau of Library Extension of the Massachusetts Department of Education welcomed the librarians, trustees, and state agency personnel present. In her remarks Mrs. Galick stated that 66% of the money allocated by former President Johnson for aid to libraries had been cut by President Nixon. She explained that this included aid to all types of libraries, school, public, and special programs. She pointed out that the cut in aid to principal library programs amounted to almost 25% of the recommended reductions in federal funding for activities under the U. S. Office of Education.

Mrs. Ruth Kimball, Public Relations Director for the New York City Library stated in a newspaper release for April 25, that because of the cuts by the city, state and federal governments, eleven branches of the New York City Library would be closed by Aug. 1969, 30 branches would be open only two days a week and the remaining 42 branches would operate on a reduced weekly schedule. A total of 235 librarians, clerks, and main-

tenance positions may be eliminated from the New York Public Library.

Mrs. William Keogh, Secretary of the New England Library Trustees, said, "As a teacher I feel that this a gross oversight on the part of the Nixon administration and hope that all parents, teachers, librarians, and trustees will make their feelings known to their congressmen. Education is the backbone of our society and books are the tools of education! How can our children learn if they do not have access to the necessary tools? It is a well-known fact that business communities have used the public library and saved themselves thousands of dollars from the facts obtained. The do-it-yourself home owner will no longer be able to find the latest and best answer to the type of home appliance which will give the best service; the hobbyist will no longer find the answers to his problems; the elderly will not have the large print editions of books, newspapers, and magazines available and the visually handicapped will not have the "talking-books" available in large quantities. These are just 6 of the many, many services that will be curtailed or eliminated from the school, public, and special libraries. The New England Library Association hopes that this money will be re-instituted by the Congress of the U. S."



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Burial allowances for 249,707 eligible deceased veterans were paid by the Veterans Administration in FY 1968, and it is estimated that the total for this year will number 265,000.

VA also provided an American flag for the caskets of 229,046 veterans last year. This number is estimated to increase to 250,000 in fiscal year 1969.

Flags are supplied undertakers, on request, by any VA office or post office. The flag may be given to the next of kin, or, if there is not the next of kin, or to the closest friend of the veteran following his burial.

The VA allows up to \$250 for burial or cremation of any veteran who was discharged under conditions other than dishonorable if he served during wartime or after Aug. 4, 1964.

Payment is made to the undertaker or to the party who paid the undertaker.

Similar burial expenses are also paid by VA for veterans of peacetime service who were receiving service-connected disability compensation at the time of their death, or who had been released from service for disabilities incurred in the line of duty.

Burial expenses for serviceman who die on active duty are borne by the military, not the VA.

Further information may be obtained from any VA office.

VWWI CARD

PARTY WINNERS

The fourth game in the present series of six Whist Parties sponsored by the Veterans of World War One was held last Wednesday evening in the Agawam National Guard Armory. Winning door prizes were Jessie Tompkins, Anne Hyde, M. M. Mann and Maude McMahon.

Mystery prizes were awarded to Florence Panaretas, George Pierce, and Nellie Stannard. Ladies ace prize winner was Ruth Cusson and Peter Lacemark for the men.

The following won high score prizes: Ladies — 1st Mary McKay, 2nd Ruth Cusson, 3rd Jo Newcomb, 4th Beatrice Newton; Men — 1st Peter Lacemark, 2nd George Pierce, 3rd Louis Franchere, 4th Wilfred Racette. The next card party will be held on the same day, time and place... see you there!



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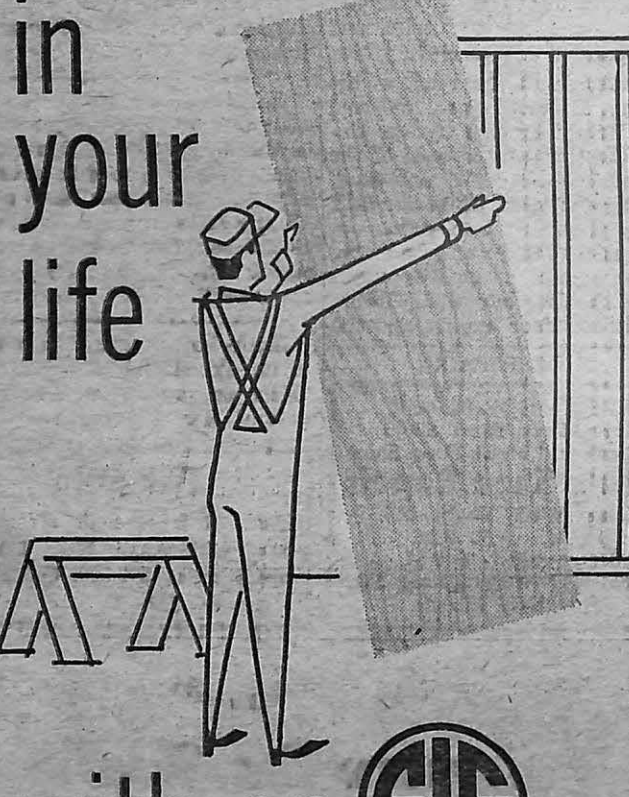
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V.F.W. Post 1632 and Auxiliary Bulletin

By ANNA D. BISSENETTE

Our BUDDY POPPY Drive started on May 3rd, with a breezy night at Riverside Park. We wish to thank the owner for allowing us to sell there. We wish also to thank Comdr. Netkovich, Anna Bissonnette, Ozzie Inman, Sheila Safford, Ellie Appleman, Anna and Jim Hayee, Marvin Monroe, Jim Stellato, Gus Hocker, Fran and Adam Link, Tom Dickinson and Jack Dalton for their help. This drive will continue till the end of the week near and at banks and stores in Agawam. Containers will be left in places of business until the end of the month. Please help us support our orphans and disabled veterans by purchasing and wearing a poppy. Will you help us make sure that by MEMORIAL DAY everyone in Agawam is wearing a VFW Buddy Poppy from Post #1632?

ACTION THE WORD

Action was the word at the Post Home for two days on May 3rd and 4th as many projects were started while nice weather prevailed. Our old garage and tree standing to the left of the Post Home came tumbling down. Thanks to Tom Cascio and his crew who handled the dangerous job of toppling a dead, large 45 ft. high tree. Clinton Finch and son started their bit on the old garage and with help from Ozzie Inman and Bib Bissonnette, it was demolished. (Pictures to appear later). A clean-up crew headed by Anna Bissonnette raked and cleaned the yard while the men carried away the heavy trash (more to be removed).

A blue and gold VFW sign was erected in front of the Post Home and the painting started by Comdr. Netkovich and his helpers, Anna and Jim Hayes. Cliff Safford saw all the trim and steps painted a nice clean white.

Meanwhile in the rear, at the pavilion, Dick Adelman and son, Ricky helped by Gus Hocker finished the two pointed ends of the pavilion and repaired our roof. Battling the wind at 14 ft. isn't exactly play. Gus Hocker has assured us that there will be water for our picnics as he was working on starting our well. Orville Burt is our door expert and the

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Comdr. our window fixer. After a lunch, cooked and donated by the Bissonnettes', everyone returned to their special jobs. The inside of the Home also received a touch-up so come on down and see us especially on Friday nights when we serve snacks such as steamed clams, turkey or cheese sandwiches and pizza.

All members are asked to participate in the clean-up this weekend which will be climaxed with a supper on the COMMANDER. Let's not think about the job — THE WORD IS ACTION.

COMMANDER'S CORNER

Our deepest sympathy to the family of Comdr. James Cleary who passed away April 30th. We regret that he failed to see the special plaque his officers and members of W.W.I. Barracks had prepared to present to him at his installation. The installation was postponed when he entered the hospital. He leaves many friends and shall be missed.

The Post members have donated a sum to the Sacred Heart Church Athletic Association for the boys' ball team.

We still need stamps for our TV set.

Meetings are the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month. Ladies Auxiliary meetings are the 3rd Tuesday of the month.

We are accepting names, blood types, etc., for the Civil Defense ID TAG... Are YOU having one made?

Have YOU heard Comedian Red Skelton's interpretation of the Pledge of Allegiance? It brought plaudits on Skelton's national television show of Jan. 14. He will recite it again in Philadelphia's Independence Hall on July 4th. Would YOU like to read it here?

A father took his small son to visit the family's newest arrival in the nursery of a country hospital. The boy stood in front of a large window peering in at the 15 tiny cribs in which there were 13 babies. "Oh, look Daddy," he exclaimed, "they've two more traps set."

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Under the guidance of experienced Coast Guard petty officers, he successfully completed a rigid training program designed to transform him from a civilian into a trained Coastguardsman.

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Local Cancer Drive At Half Way Mark

The local cancer canvass under the direction of Mrs. Mary Labun held April 29 was a complete success.

The treasurer and co-chairman, Francis H. Dionne of Western Bank and Trust Co., Feeding Hills branch, extends his appreciation to the townspeople for their interest and cooperation, and to the volunteers for their time and efforts.

The goal this year is \$5000 and a mid-way point has been reached, with the drive to continue for a few months. Donations are still being received from Special Gifts Chairman, Joseph Ferrari, and Karl K. Dandy, Clubs and Organizations Chairman, and Frank Chriscola, Business and Industry Chairman.

tion boxes have been distributed throughout the area.

If you were not at home during the canvass, please put your donation in one of these boxes. The collection station this year, is Western Bank and Trust Co., Feeding Hills branch, under the direction of Warren Gentry, Crusade Chairman.

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